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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, as amended by Chapter 993 of the Public Acts of 2012, provides for the creation of the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, further provides that the governor shall appoint nine (9) members to such commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has recently appointed Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe of Fentress County to serve on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe will represent District 3 in Middle Tennessee during a term that will expire on February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Fentress County, Mr. Bledsoe bought a farm in 1999, while working in the lumber industry; and

WHEREAS, by 2002, he was farming full time, producing poultry broilers and beef cattle; in 2005, he was honored as Fentress County Young Farmer of the Year in recognition of his hard work and expertise in expanding his farm operation to new heights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe has contributed greatly to agriculture during his tenures with the Fentress County Soil Conservation District, which he serves as treasurer, and the Fentress County Farm Bureau, which he serves as president; he has also held several key committee positions on the Tennessee Farm Bureau Board; and

WHEREAS, he participates in smallmouth bass tournaments and has introduced his children to hunting and fishing; he is a Lifetime Sportsman License holder and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Sonya, and their children, Ethan and Ali; both children are avid hunters and hold a lifetime sportsman license, just like their father; and

WHEREAS, an active sportsman, Jim Bledsoe is passionate about getting children involved in outdoor activities and wildlife programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that each member appointed to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission by the governor shall be confirmed by the house conservation and environment committee and the senate energy and environment committee and by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe of Fentress County to a four-year, eight-month term on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2017.